

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 31 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-24 and 32 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and examination of the application.

Initially, Applicant thanks Examiner Bushey for indicating that claims 1-24 and 32 are allowed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 31 over U.K. Patent No. 1,560,753 and over U.S. Patent No. 5,851,445 to Kazuma ("Kazuma"). Also in the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-24 and 32.

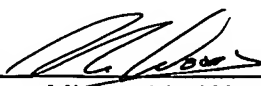
As mentioned above, Applicant cancels claim 31, without prejudice or disclaimer, and respectfully requests the rejection of claim 31 be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-24 and 32 in condition for allowance.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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